

Paul Serrato: Bio

The Omaha native's warmth and passion for composing, performing and producing jazz is hard to resist. Pianist Paul Serrato & Co.'s latest recording, *Pianomania*, is a fine example of the artistic talent Serrato has honed over decades of work on the New York jazz scene. Recent recordings have supplied jazz fans with many gems to enjoy, and the latest effort continues in that direction. Fans of Paul Serrato are also aware of his inclination towards the jazz avant-garde, as in evidence on the celestial track "Fantasia" on *Pianomania*. Serrato has had a long history with the avant-garde, contributing music to off-Broadway plays as well as creating his own forward looking recordings. He also provided music for the acclaimed documentary by award winning writer/producer/director Craig B. Highberger, *Jack Mitchell: My Life is Black and White*.

Music by Paul Serrato recently received exposure on HBO in the film *Cinema Verite* which aired in April. Featured in the film is the song, "My Place Tonight", written by Paul. The song, recreated by HBO directors, Berman and Pulcini, was originally sung by Andy Warhol superstar, Candy Darling. It was part of a score which included several memorable songs by Paul, including "Who Are You?" heard on his jazz cd, *Origami*, as well as in the Craig Highberger documentary on Jackie Curtis, "Superstar in a Housedress". *Cinema Verite* is based on the original 13 part series (PBS) *An American Family*. For more information you may visit <http://www.hbo.com/movies/cinema-verite/synopsis.html>

A longtime resident of New York, Paul Serrato celebrates the urban landscape throughout his recorded work. "New York is my favorite muse," Serrato says. The Big Apple is not all glitter of course. Gritty urban landscapes inform the veteran pianist's work, his newly redesigned website features the WTC site under construction. Nevertheless, all is certainly not grim. There is hope & celebration in Serrato's music, fueled by the rich and vital expression of Latin Jazz at its mature best. Serrato continues to record and perform to appreciative audiences worldwide.